

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0002] on pages 1 and 2 as follows:

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[0002] Of interest are commonly owned US patents Nos. 6,123,731 to Boyce et al. and 5,899,939 to Boyce et al. and copending applications Serial No. 09/705,377 entitled Spinal Intervertebral Implant filed November 3, 2000 corresponding to PCT/US01/45551 filed November 2, 2001 (~~attorney docket 525400-238~~), Serial No. 09/328,242 entitled Ramp Shaped Intervertebral Implant filed June 8, 1999 in the name of John W. Boyle, now US Pat. No. 6,277,149, Serial No. 60/246,297 entitled Spinal Intervertebral Insertion Tool filed November 7, 2000 in the name of Erik Martz et al. and corresponding to PCT application PCT/US01/44414 (~~Attorney docket 525400-258~~), filed Nov. 6, 2001; Serial No. 10/046,866 entitled Osteoimplant, Method of Making Same and Use of the Osteoimplant for the Treatment of Bone Defects filed November 28, 2001 in the name of John Winterbottom et al. (~~Attorney Docket 285-199~~ 525400-256) and Serial No. 60/264,601 entitled Implant Insertion Tool filed January 26, 2001 in the name of John M. Winterbottom et al. and corresponding to PCT application PCT/US02/00820 (~~Attorney docket 525400-255~~) filed January 11, 2002, all incorporated by reference herein.